



# North Carolina East Optimist News

We are doing ok in the district so far. We always need more members and clubs to provide for the youth in our district. We hope to provide some help with that at our district meeting.

Carey Foster

Governor, NCEast

Youngest attendee at 1st Quarter District Meeting



Granddaughter of Past Governor Dan & Barbara Durham, Roanoke Rapids Optimist.



## Golden Circle Optimist load Sheriffs Department up with 70 teddy bears to give to children



Members of The Wilson Golden Circle Optimist Club presented Sheriff Calvin Woodard with 70 teddy bears to be given to children by his deputies when they are responding to domestic calls and children are involved or present. A cuddly bear may help a child get through a traumatic experience a little easier and also show them that law enforcement officers

care about them. Sheriff Woodard also shared information with Optimists about his youth program entitled PATH (Providing Alternative Thinking Strategies) which is for youth 11 to 13 years of age. Pictured above are left to right - Club President, Sara Robbins; Sheriff Woodard; and Dot Windham, Project Chair.

**From the Dinner Drummer, Dinner Optimist Club of Raleigh** As we all remember, the "tip jar" at the Fair was a success and we collected over \$600.00 in donations for Boys and Girls Homes. It was suggested these funds should go toward a scholarship to a deserving student at the Homes "Thomas Academy". Carlton was asked to set up a program

and invite a representative from the Homes to join us for dinner and review their Scholarship Program. Arrangements have been made and we will have a representative from Boys and Girls Homes joining us March 5 to review their Scholarship Program and offer suggestions. Please plan to attend our March 5 meeting for this informative and special program.

# District Membership

Greetings fellow Optimists. Hope all of you are avoiding the flu bug that's been running rampant. Our District is in pretty decent shape and has a lot of potential to make this a special year. We are currently at minus 3 (as of 2/7). Here is the break down by Zone:

Zone 1....-3,    Zone 2....-5,    Zone 3....+6,  
 Zone 4....+4,    Zone 5....-3,    Zone 6....-2.

Please continue to seek new members. There are a lot of incentives to help you in recruiting. Remember the 30 under \$30 is still in effect and recruit a teacher, both of which are \$30 for their first year with no registration fee. One of my favorites (and a great fund raiser) is the Friend of Optimist program. Each new FOO gets your club reimbursed \$40 from Optimist International.

In order to maintain a healthy club, you have to row. Every club needs new and refreshing ideas, not to mention help with our fund raisers. I know I don't need to remind anyone of our birthdays coming around more often than they used to. Those of you



who sell Christmas Trees know how much heavier they are now than in the past.

As a reminder, each new member helps support 30 plus children. "Just ask".

There are only 2 answers and we've heard them both. "Remember, membership is an honor and privilege.....so SHARE IT"

Auston Pusey  
 Membership Chair



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 Membership Chair

## Allan Ludlum, Web Master

Please e-mail it to me at [aludlum@nceast-optimist.org](mailto:aludlum@nceast-optimist.org) and if at any time anyone sees a problem with the web site links or wrong information to also email me about the corrections. If you have a club event please send it to me & I will post it on the web site. I also keep up the districts Facebook site. Please go to "North Carolina East District, Optimist International" Facebook page and Like our page. Also if you would like to post club items there, let me know and I will give you rights if you need them.

Wild moose beside the road, Shirley, Maine.



"Logan Wainright & younger brother Cameron of the Rocky Mount River Rats JOI Club helping out at the Evening Club's Christmas tree lot in December. "Eight of the club members enjoyed an overnight campout, a Friday fishing trip on Fishing Creek,



# District New Club Building

WHAT? NEW CLUB BUILDING

WHERE? COUNTIES/COMMUNITIES/  
MUNICIPALITIES

In the North Carolina East  
District

WHEN? NOW - NOT LATER!!!!!!

North Carolina has 100 counties with 532 incorporated municipalities. There is no surprise that the majority of these counties and municipalities do not have Optimist Clubs...thus youth are not being served by optimist clubs in these communities. The North Carolina East District has so many opportunities to add clubs in this district. If each N.C. East Optimist would just think and consider the unlimited possibilities of where a New Club could be built...we would be overwhelmed! So many possibilities for kids to play sports, participate in oratorical and essay contests, be mentored by adult optimists, receive scholarships. The list is unlimited to how having an Optimist Club in a community could help be a "FRIEND OF YOUTH" and assisting in "Bringing Out The Best in Youth." There are numerous experienced optimist members and especially Past Governors in our district that I know without a doubt

would help any optimist and any club in building a new club, all you have to do is ASK! As the saying goes, two heads are better than one and even four heads are better than two. Each of us as an optimist have a responsibility to the district and to our organization to assist in this rewarding task.

I charge the members of this district to get a team or current optimist clubs together and find that community/town/municipality or county to work together to BUILD AN OPTIMIST CLUB in 2018.

OPTIMIST VISION STATEMENT: Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values children and helps develop them to their full potential. This vision can only be a reality if we each take a part in helping to grow this organization. LETS BE OPTI-

MIST STRONG  
and MAKE IT  
HAPPEN!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sandy Cyphers  
2017-2018 N.C.  
East District  
N.C.B. Chair-  
man



## Blackbird Optimist Kisses for Cancer Event, Oct.21 Harris Teeter, Rocky Mount



From Left: Linda Shepherd, Carol Lancaster and Dianna Poland.



Bob League, Dianna Poland and John Shepherd.

# International Convention

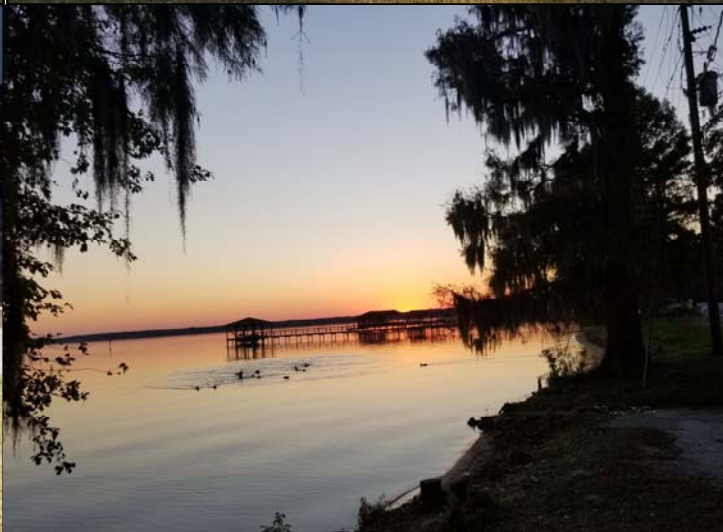
The International Convention this year will be July 8 -10 in Ottawa Canada. I will have the hotel information at the district meeting. You can also go to [www.optimist.org/convention](http://www.optimist.org/convention) to do it. They also have tours and activities to do if you want to go a few days earlier or stay a few days after the convention.

Carey Foster

OI Convention Ambassador



Random Photos of Activities during 1st Quarter Board Meeting Lake Waccamaw





Jim Boyd. Optimist International, presented Optimist Strong Program.



Dinner at Dales Seafood, Lake Waccamaw District Meeting.



1st quarter meeting Zone 3



# First Timers Lake Waccamaw District Meeting



Julia & Mark Kleiman, Southern Wake



Richard Benbow, President, Garner Optimist

# Jr. Optimist International

The NC East District added four new JOI clubs last year for a total of nine JOI clubs in our District. These clubs help students learn about our organization and allow them a chance to participate in community service projects at an early age, which will be rewarding and beneficial to their lives.

JOI clubs are also rewarding for the sponsoring adult clubs by giving adult clubs more opportunities to mentor youth and the added benefit may be to have young and energetic youth to help with some joint community projects.

You may charter a Junior Optimist International Club with only eight Junior Optimist International Members. There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$50, an annual registration fee of \$60 and membership dues are as follows: \$8 per member per year for Al-

pha Clubs and \$10 per member per year for Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs. The registration and member fees are prorated depending on the month you charter the Junior Optimist International Club. Also, Junior <sup>Optimist</sup> International Clubs are only required to pay for the first 50 members.

Please contact me if you would like to start a new JOI club in your community!

Angela Iwaniuk

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Beddingfield JOI



Members and prospective members of the Beddingfield Junior Optimist Club visited the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina in Greenville last month. Executive Director Meghan Woolard presented the  
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history and led a tour. Club members donated a collection of paper supplies, a box full of collected pop tabs, a brunch of chicken biscuits and doughnuts and service hours of labeling and stocking the food pantry, cleaning and organizing the toy room, cleaning the kitchen and dining area, clearing out broken closet items and broken toys and cleaning baths, the parlor and hallways.

Junior Optimist members said they enjoyed their service time while gaining the reward of supporting those in the fight for their lives as they are away from their own homes during treatment periods.

Pictured in the top row, from left, are Assistant Principal Katrina Cobb, Veronica Garcia, Evelyn Garcia, Jessica Hale Armstrong, Kyndall Daniels and Ellison Taylor. In the middle row, from left, are Jaylah Moore, Ada Orozco-Sanchez, Dasia Allen, Makira Jordan, Paris Farmer, Evelyn Tovar-Hernandez, Ana Hendricks and Kathy Creech Sandifer of the Wilson Golden Circle Optimist Club. In the bottom row, from left, are Jasmine Inman, club President Cathy Nicholson and Kaitlyn Parker.

Not pictured is Kelvin Horne, bus driver and assistant.

## Communications Contest for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Topic for the 2017-18 School Year is : **“Where are My Roots of Optimism?”**

Who: The contest is open to young people through grade 12 in the United States. Students must submit the results of an audiogram completed no longer than 24 months prior to the date of the contest by a qualified audiologist. Students must be certified to have an uncorrected hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which must be supported by the audiogram in order to be eligible to compete. Students with permanent correction should compete in the Optimist International Oratorical contest.

How To Enter: Interested students should contact their local Optimist Club or the District CCDHH Chairperson, Angela Iwaniuk (252-289-5050 or email [ncangel49@aol.com](mailto:ncangel49@aol.com)).

When:

Students

The deadline to enter will be April 15, 2018.

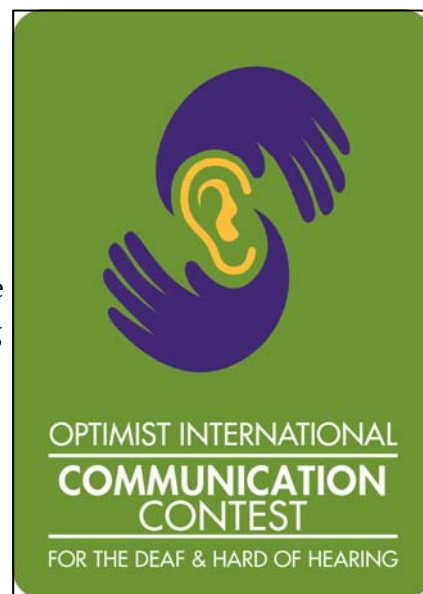
District Contest

The district contest will be held in late April at The

Eastern NC School for the Deaf, Wilson, NC.

For an application with contest rules, visit OI website at: [http://www.optimist.org/Forms/17-18\\_CCDHH\\_Application\\_Fillable.pdf](http://www.optimist.org/Forms/17-18_CCDHH_Application_Fillable.pdf)

This contest offers an opportunity for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical



Contest, the Communication Contest For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing offers hearing impaired youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language. The Optimist International Foundations fund a \$2,500 scholarship to any District that meets the minimum participation criteria.

Angela Iwaniuk, CCDHH Chair

# A&A Club Winners 2nd Quarter Top Ten Clubs 2017-2018

Photos not available.

No. 1 Golden Circle

No. 2 Rocky Mount Evening

No. 3. South Johnston

No. 4. Goldsboro

No. 5 Cape Fear

No. 6 Roanoke Rapids

No. 7 Greenville

No. 8 Wake Forest

No. 9. North Raleigh

No. 10 Edenton-Chowan

## Top Clubs In Each Zone



From left: Zone 6, South Johnston, Lt. Gov. J.G. Baker; Zone 5, Wake Forest (no Photo); Zone 4, Rocky Mount Evening, Lt. Gov. Ed Taylor; Zone 3, Golden Circle, Kathy Sandifer; Zone 1, Cape Fear, Curtis Keith.

## Top 3 Lt. Governors

Most photos in this issue of the bulletin courtesy of Angela Iwaniuk



From Left: 2nd Place, Zone 3 Lt. Gov. Linda Shepherd; 3rd Place, Zone 5, Lt. Gov. Cathy Potter; (No photo) Ed Taylor accepting; 1st Place, Zone 4 Lt. Gov. Errol Warren, (No Photo) Ed Taylor accepting.



Dan Durham,  
District A&A Chair

## ACHIEVEMENT AND AWARDS PROGRAM

I THANK ALL CLUBS FOR TAKING PART IN THE A&A AWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE QUARTER. ALL CLUBS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL A&A PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH CLUB IN ALL THE DISTRICTS TO SHARE HOW EACH COMMUNITY IN THE DISTRICT IS BEING A FRIEND OF YOUTH THROUGH THE PROGRAMS BEING COMPLETED. ALL CLUBS ARE ABLE TO SHOWCASE THE PROGRAMS BEING PROVIDED. IN THE PROGRAM, ALL CLUBS ARE EARNING POINTS BY PROVIDING THE OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND THE LOCAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO EACH CLUB. ALL CLUBS ARE PROVIDED WITH 38 AREAS EACH QUARTER TO EARN POINTS FOR JUST BEING A FRIEND OF YOUTH AND PROVIDING PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOLARSHIPS, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL, SOCCER AND BASKETBALL LEAGUES ALONG WITH GOLF TOURNAMENTS LOCAL AND UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS. POINTS ARE EARNED BY PROVIDING MONEY FOR LOCAL NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY. POINTS ARE PROVIDED FOR LOCAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT ARE FUNDED BY YOUR CLUB AND CLUB MEMBERS.

POINTS ARE PROVIDED FOR SPONSORING PROGRAMS AND CASH DONATIONS TO PROGRAMS SUCH AS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS, GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS. SUPPORT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS HOME.

THE PROGRAM ALSO PROVIDES POINTS FOR PARTICIPATION OF CLUB MEMBERS WHO ATTEND ZONE MEETINGS, DISTRICT MEETINGS AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

EACH QUARTER THE DISTRICT AWARDS A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO THE TOP TEN CLUBS IN THE DISTRICT, A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO THE NUMBER ONE CLUB IN EACH ZONE. OTHER CLUBS THAT PARTICIPATE THAT DO NOT EARN A TOP TEN AWARDS ARE PROVIDED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION. LAST BUT NOT LEAST THE TOP THREE LT GOVERNORS RECEIVE AN AWARD CERTIFICATE. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LOOK OVER THE FORM THAT HAS BEEN E-MAILED TO YOUR CLUB OFFICERS AND CONSIDER TAKING PART IN THE A&A PROGRAM THIS YEAR.

Dan Durham

A&A Committee Chair



**Wake Forest Optimist, Christmas Shop with a Cop**, was a huge success. During Shop with a Cop we helped kids shop, and served pizza and juice, Maggie rode the bus with a special needs child. Maggie was impressed with the JOY club members, Dawn - all the police cars escorting the bus and pulling up to Walmart with their lights on - brings a tear to your eyes.

# District Oratorical contest 2018

By now everyone should be well along with the planning of their club's oratorical contest.

What, you haven't even given it a thought...or thought it was too late to follow through with info to schools? Not enough time to schedule your contest? Well I want to tell you now that it is not too late...We are Optimists aren't we?

This year's topic is **"What the World Gains from Optimism"**

The contest is open to boys and girls under the age of 19 and who have not yet graduated from high school. It is a combined gender contest where contestants will present a speech of at least 4 minutes but not over 5 minutes in length.

## **District Scholarships**

**1st place \$2500 2nd place \$1500 3rd place \$1000**

Contact Errol Warren

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arcejw@hotmail.com

Maybe the lure of money will interest prospective contestants. Our District awards \$5,000 in scholarship funding. **Applications, official rules and a program guide are available from the OI website [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)**

**Key Dates: Please note earlier correspondence and the District Directory have incorrect dates.** Because Zone winners must be submitted to me by **Friday April 27**, each Zone should schedule their contests prior to that date with clubs scheduling their contests in March or early April.

District Contest Date May 12,

First Baptist Church, 125 S. John St. Goldsboro 27530

Winners of the Zone contests will advance to compete at the **3rd Qtr. District Meeting May 12, 2018 in Goldsboro, NC**

For more information or if you have any questions contact:

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## A Message From Your Vice President

Dear Fellow Optimists,

Optimist International President Nick Prillaman sends "Congratulations to each of you for the outstanding job you are doing in serving youth in your communities." He is extremely proud of how all members and districts have worked together since October 1 to render accomplishments ending the first quarter as the best since 1989. Give yourself a pat on the back and stand proud as a North Carolina East Optimist Member.

I hope you enjoyed the "Optimist Strong Training" during the First Quarter Meeting and getting acquainted with Jim Boyd from OI. He is an outstanding person and is always available for guidance and assistance.

Governor Carey Foster and I recently attended the President's Mid-Year Planning Conference held in St. Louis during the first weekend of February. Governor Foster was seen taking lots of notes, so I am sure he will be sharing more information with you. Lots of ideas and training were shared to help all of us. Optimist International has scheduled numerous webinars to assist you so please watch for these and register to attend.

As we strive to serve more youth, please continue your efforts to grow membership in your district. According to Optimist International and per every member, thirty-five (35) youth are served. Please help identify areas where New Optimist Clubs are

needed and inform the New Club Building Chair of suggested locations. Each district has a challenge to grow four (4) clubs during the 2017-18 year; YOUR HELP is needed so please, please let's work to achieve that goal for the NC East District, but more importantly, SERVE MORE YOUTH!

Continue updating and sharing information distributed via social media networks.

While this is the way for the younger generation, texting and social networks seems to be the quickest way to communicate with them. In addition, they have lots of new ideas that we can learn from.

As you finalize your Essay Contests and prepare for

the Oratorical and CCDHH Contests, I wish everyone successful events. This is one of my favorite times of the year. May all youth be truly blessed through your efforts in all communities.

Please let me know if I can assist you in any way. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Optimism,

Lou Anna Hardee

Lou Anna Hardee



Landing barge still afloat on Normandy Beach

# Childhood Cancer Campaign

## Childhood Cancer Campaign

A couple of years ago, a young man named Jonathan Gay was treated for childhood cancer. Since then he has had a mission to help other kids undergoing cancer treatments to manage the side effects of chemo-



therapy. He gathers items to help distract patients and their families during long hours in the hospital. Most of the items on the list can be bought at local Dollar Stores. His kits have been approved by members of the REAL Moms organization who are helping their children conquer childhood cancer.

We can help our local hospitals by making Chemo Care Kits for the kids. Here is a list of the suggested items that help the most and cost very little.

### Chemo Care Kits for Kids

#### Contents:

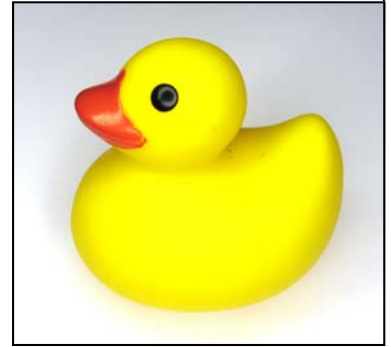
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| Tissues                           | Gum                      | Mints |
| Lemon drops                       | Ring pops                |       |
| Lip balm                          | Fragrance free lotion    |       |
| Antibacterial hand wipes          |                          |       |
| Hand sanitizer for family members |                          |       |
| Plastic utensils                  | Socks, slippers or a hat |       |
| Washable, cuddly items            | Blanket or pillowcase    |       |
| Small toys                        | Fun, twisty straws       |       |
| Activity or joke books            | Stickers and notebook    |       |
| Travel-size games                 |                          |       |
| Card games or puzzles             |                          |       |

## Notepad

Colored pens or pencils

Redbox or iTunes gift cards

Nail care kits (girls)



Many thanks to the clubs that are cooking for the local Ronald McDonald Houses. Deciding on a menu for the meal can be challenging the first time, but the menu can be repeated many times because the residents change frequently. Talking with the residents is a chance for them to give voice to their stories. Please check the web site of the local Ronald McDonald House for items on their wish lists. They also accept food items. Your club could also sponsor a pizza party with the help of a local restaurant.

The Mile of Hope weekend this year will be held at Atlantic Beach, NC on May 11-13th. The Raleigh Optimist Club will be sponsoring 25 to 30 families who have children that are being treated for childhood cancer. They need your financial support. You are also welcome to join the festivities at the beach.



Remember that June is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Start planning now for your club projects.

Thanks for all you and your clubs do for the kids. They are the future of your community.

Trish Verne,

CCC Committee Chair (C5)

# OI Foundation Awards 2nd Quarter



Wilson Evening Receives, Jimmy Lamm, print for \$500 donation.



Christiaan D. Larson Award given to Glannis Creech, received by Kathy Sandifer.



Kathy Sandifer, Golden Circle Received Benefactor Pin and Print for \$1000 Donation.



Jimmy Lamm, Wilson Evening receives Christian D. Larson Award.



Coliseum, Rome Italy

# OI Foundation Continued

Our primary emphasis this year is to try and get more members donating the Dime-A-Day. Only about five percent of our members donate to the Foundation and my personal goal is to increase to ten per cent. This can only be done with your help. Our District, clubs and members, is very generous when it comes to donating to the Foundation, but it will take many of us working together to meet our current year budget of \$20,000. Please talk with your other members and your club about donating at the convention. You can also mail the donations to me

or to the OI Foundation. Thank you for all you have done and will do to support the Foundation.

Bill Edgerton,  
District  
Foundation Rep.



Gary Pender, B&G Chair

Ray Cockrell, B&G Home

Thank you for loving our children! We are so grateful for all that Optimists do to provide love and support for the children at B&GH. Your cottage is growing. Due to staff challenges and getting some new Residential Counselors in the cottage we dropped a few boys to stay in compliance. We now have new staff trained to work with the current RC's and will be adding boys to the Optimist Cottage.

We always enjoy providing opportunities for Optimists to visit with our boys. Special thanks to the Wilmington clubs (Wilmington, Winter Park, and Cape Fear) for coming out to have dinner with the boys and provide Christmas presents for the cottage. Thank you to those clubs that invited us to come visit with you!

Anytime! Anywhere! That is when and where we

will go to bring your clubs up to date on the positive work happening for children and your Optimist Cottage at B&GH. We will do a formal presentation, an informal talk or just sit and chat with you and your club.

To schedule a program, call Ray Cockrell (910/840-7107, ray.cockrell@bghnc.org) or Gary Pender (919/920-9190, gpender@nc.rr.com). We would love the opportunity!

I look forward to visiting with all of you at the District Meeting in Roanoke Rapids. Stop by to see my display and say hello.

Yours in Optimism,  
Ray Cockrell



# District Club Fitness/Club Services Chair

We are already in the 2nd quarter of the 2017-2018 Optimist year and almost half-way through this year. This is a really great time to look at your club and determine how you are doing. The number one factor to me is "Am I enjoying my club, our community projects, and fellowship with other optimist members?" If the answer is YES then your club is definitely on the right track!



If things are not as much fun as they used to be, or if members seem to have lost interest, then it is definitely a good time to "brain storm". Some things to ponder may be:

1. Is there a need in our community that our club could help fulfill? A new project!
2. Are our meetings still fun – can we think of new things to do that our members would enjoy? Exciting and fun meetings!
3. Are there interesting speakers that we can invite to our meetings? Learning new things from interesting folks!
4. Do some of our members have even more good ideas? Have a brain storming meeting! Be open to new ideas!



5. Are we inviting new people to visit and to join us? Invite folks!

It is my strong belief that if we are doing good things in our community and enjoying ourselves in our clubs, we will be able to attract new members because they will want to be a part of it all. I mean who wouldn't?



Let's all work hard to keep our clubs fit and fun!

Angela Iwaniuk  
 Club Fitness Chair  
 2017-2018  
 Cell Phone (252) 289-5050

The topic for the 2017-18 Optimist Essay Contest is:  
**"Can Society Function Without Respect?"**

The Optimist International Essay Contest was first sponsored in 1983. Club winners advance to the District contest. Essays must contain at least 700 words but no more than 800 words. The contest is open to students under age 18 as of 10/1/2017 who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent. Students must enter in the District in which they reside. The District Winner is awarded a \$2,500 schol-

arship, furnished by the Optimist International Foundation. All Club winning Essays are due to the District Chair by February 28, 2018. Individual Club deadlines vary, however, most Club deadlines are on or about January 31, 2018.



David Bast

# Optimist Junior Golf

NC East District Leaders,

I hope each of you and your Clubs are doing well and prospering in your endeavors toward supporting the Youth in your communities.

As NC East District Junior Golf Chairman, I would like to thank you and your Clubs for your past support of the young aspiring golfers in our District. We truly are blessed to have some of the best junior golfers in the nation who reside right here in the NC East District. Over the past three year's we have strived to make our District the leader in Optimist Junior Golf. We have seen the number of participants in our NC East District Qualifiers increase exponentially in the last three years going from a 30 golfers in 2014 to a total of 284 golfers in 2017. Through our partnerships



NC East Junior Golf Committee Members from right to left: Smiley Hendricks (Mahler Thorp Club), John Shepherd (Blackbird Club), David Hodges (NC East Chairman), Tommy Peel (Rocky Mount Evening Club), Ken Dixon (Mahler Thorp Club. Not shown is Eric Norville (Mahler Thorp Club).

with the NC Junior Golf Foundation, Tar Heel Youth Golf Association, and Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Tour we have expanded to offering six (6) sanctioned NC East

District Qualifiers for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (THE OPTIMIST).

We have been successful in giving young golfers the opportunity to achieve their goals in playing in a top international junior golf tournament. I feel that, as Optimist members, our mission of providing opportunities for children is what Optimist International is all about. These young golfers work hard to earn the right to play in THE OPTIMIST, and the only way that they can earn that spot is through an Optimist Qualifying Tournament. Through our Junior Golf program, we have expanded and promoted our NC East Optimist brand. More folks are learning who we are and what Optimist International is all about.

I am often asked "What can my Club do? We don't have any golfers in our Club." There are lots of opportunities for you and your Club to serve our young golfers. I will list a few.

- 1) Pay a golfer's entry fee to play in an NC East District Tournament. Most Clubs choose to pay golfer's entry fees to our "traditional qualifier". This year this Qualifier will be on May 5th at Belmont Lake Golf Club in Rocky Mount. All Age Divisions will play in this event. The entry fee is only \$75.00.
- 2) Your Club can make a monetary donation to assist the District in paying our costs of putting on our tournaments. For the tournaments that we partner with the three junior golf associations, the entry fees that are charged to the golfers are only those fees charged by our partnering organizations. NC East receives no funds, but we do have expenses in each Qualifier for our Optimist trophies, any food and beverage costs, and the OPTIMIST registration fees for our winners in the Boys 16-15 ad Girl's 15-18 Yr Age Divisions (Approximately \$650.00 each for the Championships in Florida) .
- 3) Work as a volunteer at one of our tournaments. We need help at our tournaments and it does not cost you or your Club anything except for your time. The tasks are easy and you need not know anything about the game of golf. You will enjoy meeting some

of the finest young people I know. I have listed below the tasks and minimum number of volunteers needed at each tournament.

March 10 and 11, Chapel Hill, UNC Finley Golf Course: Score keepers for "live scoring". All you need to know is how to text. 3 volunteers are needed for each day.

March 17 and 18, Chapel Hill, UNC Finley Golf Course. Shuttle cart drivers. If you can drive a car you can drive a golf cart. 4 volunteers are needed for each day.

March 28, Wilson, Wedgewood Golf Course. 2 spotters (watch were a ball lands on a hole). 4 food servers, and beverage and snack distribution.

April 7 and 8, Greenville, Greenville Country Club Score keepers for "live scoring". All you need to know is how to text. 3 volunteers are needed each day. Cooks and food servers. 4 volunteers needed Saturday only. Miscellaneous tasks. 2 volunteers needed.

May 5, Rocky Mount, Belmont Lake Golf Club 4 cooks and food servers, 4 shuttle drivers (pick up trucks) 3 volunteers for Miscellaneous tasks.

If you want to volunteer but can only work a couple of hours we can schedule the hours that you can work, The number of volunteers above represent working the duration of the event. If you do not like the tasks shown we will find a job for you.

I have attached a copy of our 2017-2018 NC East District's Qualifier schedule. Golfers are also welcomed

to play in the Optimist Tour event on March 3 and 4, 2018 (not a NC East Qualifier) at Greg Norman Academy, Myrtle Beach. Al Ludlum works this event and if you would like to assist in this OI tournament just contact Al.

I have also attached a copy of our registration form for our May 5th tournament. Golfers can also register online. A great source of information on THE OPTIMIST in Florida can be found at [www.optimist.org/golf/](http://www.optimist.org/golf/)

Join our NC East District Junior Golf Committee. We only meet at our tournaments so if you volunteer and help with any event you are eligible to be on our committee. We welcome your help and would like your input as one of our committee members. The picture above is of our current Committee taken at our November Qualifier in Chapel Hill.

Watch out for the flu. I have just recovered from about a week of the flu..... and I had my flu shot. Do not hesitate to contact me and I hope to see you

in Roanoke Rapids for the Second Quarter District Meeting,

David K. Hodges

Chairman, NC East District Optimist Junior Golf

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Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804



Inside Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris



NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT  
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
FIRST QUARTER DISTRICT MEETING

Lake Waccamaw, NC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, November 4, 2017

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Carey Foster	Governor
Linda Shepherd	Governor-elect
Allan Ludlum	Webmaster
Joyce Leake	District Secretary/Treasurer
Phil Bast	Zone 1 Lt. Governor
Jimmy Lamm	Zone 3 Lt. Governor
Russell Leake	Zone 4 Lt. Governor
Ed Taylor	Zone 5 Lt. Governor
J. G. Baker	Zone 6 Lt. Governor
Jim Boyd	OI Representative

The following clubs were represented:

Zone 1: Wilmington, Cape Fear

Zone 2: Whiteville

Zone 3: Golden Circle, Wilson Evening, Elm City, Goldsboro

Zone 4: Rocky Mount Evening, Roanoke Rapids, Blackbirds

Zone 5: Henderson

Zone 6: Raleigh, Garner, Southern Wake

Governor Carey Foster opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Billy Edgerton (Goldsboro).

Those attending a district meeting for the first time

were recognized. ( Julia and Mark Kleiman (Southern Wake) and Richard Benbow (Henderson))

Sec./Trea. Carol Collier presented the minutes from the 4th quarter district meeting. J. G. Baker (Raleigh) made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Ed Taylor(Rocky Mount). Motion was approved.

Carol Collier presented the 4th Quarter Financial Report. A motion was made by Phil Best (Wilmington) to accept the financial report with a second by Angela Iwaniuk (Wilson Golden Circle). Motion was approved.

Carol Collier presented the 2017-2018 proposed budget in Wayne Sidelinger's absence. Ed Taylor (Rocky Mount Evening) made a motion to accept the budget with a second by Brenda Farmer (Wilson Golden Circle). Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

A & A Awards – Chairman Dan Durham announced that 5 of the 6 zones participated in the A & A for First Quarter with a total of 15 clubs participating.

The following top 10 clubs were recognized: #1 Wilson Golden Circle, #2 Rocky Mount Evening, #3 South Johnston, #4 Goldsboro, #5 Wilmington/Cape Fear, #6 Roanoke Rapids, #7 Greenville, #8 Wake Forest, #9 North Raleigh, and #10 Edenton-Chowan.

The top clubs in each zone were: Zone 1 – Wilmington-Cape Fear, Zone 3 – Wilson Golden Circle, Zone 4 – Rocky Mount Evening, Zone 5 – Wake Forest, Zone 6 – South Johnston.

Lt. Governors who received awards were 3rd place, Cathy Potter, 2nd place, Linda Shepherd, and 1st place, Errol Warren.

Boys and Girls Home – Gary Pender commended the Staff for their unfailing support of the Boys and Girls Home. The parking lot has been paved as a part of the campus campaign. Funds are needed for Christ-

mas. A \$500 donation honoring Walt Armentrout was given by the Goldsboro Optimists. They were presented a plaque for their generosity. Cape Fear and S. Wake both contributed \$250 and Mr. and Mrs. James Lamm contributed \$150.

Membership – Austin Pusey brought the good news of +3 in membership. \$10 Walmart gift cards will be available 2nd quarter. The 30 for 30 campaign for teachers and coaches was also discussed.

OI Foundation – Billy Edgerton encouraged everyone to participate in the Dime a Day campaign. The goal is to double the number of members (up to 10%) in our district who support OIF.

Those recognized for their support of OIF were Wilmington/Cape Fear (contributed \$365 and received a banner patch and print), Goldsboro (recognized as a silver benefactor for \$15,000 in contributions), Wilson (contributed \$500 and received a banner patch and print), Chapel Hill (contributed \$365 and received a banner patch and print), Kathy Sandifer (contributed \$1,000 in memory of her late mother and received a Benefactor pin and print), J. G. Baker (received the President's Club pin for his club's contribution of \$250), Wayne Sidelinger (contributed \$5,000 and received the Benefactor Award and a banner print).

Checks were then collected at the altar call.

Junior Golf – David Hodges was at the Jr. Golf Tour-

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot, Wiley Post, was one of the greatest political/country/cowboy sages ever known. Some of his sayings:

Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

Never kick a cow chip on a hot day..

There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works..

Always drink upstream from the herd..

If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging..

nament in Chapel Hill. Ed Taylor reminded us of the wonderful job that David is doing with this project.

Oratorical Contest-- Errol Warren was unable to attend but Ed Taylor announced the topic for this year which is "What the World Gains from Optimism" and encouraged club participation.

Essay Contest – Angela Iwaniuk announced the essay topic for this year which is "Can Society Function Without Respect?"

Club Fitness – Angela Iwaniuk stressed importance of building clubs.

Governor-Elect Linda Shepherd shared her enthusiasm about this year and next year. She emphasized the current slogan "Optimist Strong – Be the Difference".

Governor Carey Foster reminded everyone of the Optimist Strong Conference after break with Jim Boyd from OI.

The meeting was adjourned with the Optimist Creed.

Joyce Leake

District Secretary/  
Treasurer



The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure its still there.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n than puttin' it back in.

Never let yesterday use up too much of today.

Our constitution protect aliens, drunks and U.S Senators.

I don't make jokes. I just let Washington report the facts.

# THE OPTIMIST CREED

## Promise Yourself



To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear  
and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

### Al Ludlum, **Web Master**

A note from the web master to ask ALL optimists. If you have an e-mail address please e-mail it to me at [aludlum@nceast-optimist.org](mailto:aludlum@nceast-optimist.org) and if at any time anyone sees a problem with the web site links or wrong information to also email me about the corrections.

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